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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an apparatus for processing food wherein food items are conveyed through processing stations where they are cut into pieces and optionally mixed with items originating differently. In particular, the invention relates to a system wherein information related to each food item and the positions of the food items throughout the processing are traced so that the origination of a food item is preserved.